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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a vaccine composition comprising an amount of a *B.bronchiseptica* p68 antigen and an adjuvant and methods of protecting dogs against *B.bronchiseptica*, classified in class 424, subclass 253.1.
 - II. Claims 14-34, drawn to a combination vaccine for immunizing dogs against canine pathogens comprising a preparation of an attenuated strain of canine distemper (CD) virus, an attenuated strain of canine adenovirus type 2 (CAV-2), an attenuated strain of canine parainfluenza (CPI) virus and an attenuated strain of canine parvovirus (CPV); an inactivated whole or partial cell preparation of a strain of canine coronavirus (CCV), *B.bronchiseptica* p68 antigen and an adjuvant and methods of immunization using said vaccine, classified in class 424, subclass 201.1.
 - III. Claim 35-51, drawn to a combination vaccine for immunizing dogs against canine pathogens comprising a preparation of an attenuated strain of canine distemper (CD) virus, an attenuated strain of canine adenovirus type 2 (CAV-2), an attenuated strain of canine parainfluenza (CPI) virus and an attenuated strain of canine parvovirus (CPV); a Bordetella bronchiseptica p68 protein, a Leptospira bacterin which comprises a cell preparation of at least one of Leptospira bratislava, Leptospira canicola,

Leptospira grippotyphosa, *Leptospira icterhaemorrhagiae*, or *Leptospira pomona*; and an adjuvant, classified in class 424, subclass 203.1.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, subcombination I has separate utility such as a vaccine for *protecting* against *B.bronchiseptica*. The vaccines of Groups II and III are multivalent vaccines which require many additionally components that are structurally different and the methods are for producing an immune response against multiple canine pathogens, not protecting against *B.bronchiseptica*. The vaccine of Group I comprises solely the p68 antigen and an adjuvant for protection against *B.bronchispetica*, whereas the vaccine of Group II is a multivalent vaccines which is designed to raise an immune response against multiple canine pathogens. The vaccine requires numerous antigens not present in the vaccine of Group I, e.g., an attenuated strain of canine distemper (CD) virus, an attenuated strain of canine adenovirus type 2 (CAV-2), an attenuated strain of canine parainfluenza (CPI) virus and an attenuated strain of canine parvovirus (CPV); an inactivated whole or partial cell preparation of a strain of canine coronavirus (CCV). The prior art teaches that multivalent vaccines are unpredictable and it would not have been obvious to merely add multiple different antigens to the vaccine of Group I. These vaccines are completely different products. The vaccines of Groups II and III also comprise different

components which raise completely different immune responses. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

The examiner has required restriction between subcombinations usable together. Where applicant elects a subcombination and claims thereto are subsequently found allowable, any claim(s) depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable subcombination will be examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. See MPEP § 821.04(a). Applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

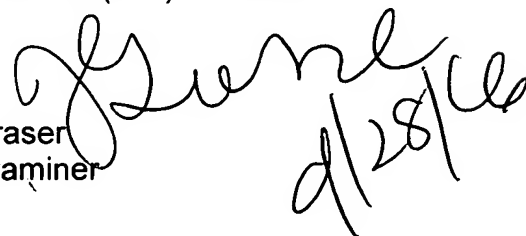
2. Correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 1645. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Remsen. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The Group 1645 Fax number is 571-273-8300 which is able to receive transmissions 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer E. Graser whose telephone number is (571) 272-0858. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM-6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Navarro, can be reached on (571) 272-0861.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-0500.

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